



# Recycling Lines

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DEQ's Community Involvement Initiative: The Department of Environmental Quality is dedicated to helping the public better understand DEQ's role in protecting the environment, and to involving the public more effectively in environmental decision making.

**Welcome to Recycling Lines, We hope that some of this information is helpful to you in your programs, and hope you'll help us with news from your area related recycling. Let us know by sending this information to Steve Coe at**

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## Electronics Recycling in Virginia

Virginia citizens now have a statewide electronics recycling network available to them, and it's free. DELL and Goodwill Industries have created a partnership to collect, refurbish, and recycle all brands of computers. The new program, called **Reconnect**, was announced on October 9<sup>th</sup> in Mechanicsville, Virginia.

134 Goodwill stores across the Commonwealth will accept any computer and related equipment at no charge. Goodwill staff will accept and sort the donated equipment, and Dell's product recovery partner will recycle and remarket the recycled materials. Consumers will be responsible for removing any data from the hard drives and other storage media before donating the systems.

With the launch of the Virginia program, **Reconnect** now offers 567 drop-off locations in various parts of the U.S.

Questions may be directed to Bryant Hilton with DELL ([Bryant-hilton@dell.com](mailto:Bryant-hilton@dell.com)) or to Ellen Thornhill with Goodwill Industries ([ecthornhill@goodwillcva.org](mailto:ecthornhill@goodwillcva.org)).

## Virginia Trekkers Create Recycling PodCast with TFC Recycling and CVMWA

**Virginia Trekkers** are four technology educators from Henrico County Public Schools that "trek" across Virginia creating SOL based hands-on educational resources and virtual field trips. On October 23, 2008 they debuted their most recent PodCast that has a **recycling theme** at the VCLPR conference in Fredericksburg. Working with TFC Recycling (Chester, VA) and Central Virginia Waste Management Authority (CVWMA) staff these four Henrico educators created a 12 minute video on recyclables being collected and sorted at Materials Recovery Facility.

In addition, to the Podcast the Virginia Trekkers also created a webpage of recycling factoids and an interactive game that offers students a fun way to learn how to sort proper recycling collectibles on a conveyor belt. Visit [www.virginiatrekkers.com](http://www.virginiatrekkers.com) for more information on these Henrico educators and visit [www.virginiatrekkers.com/recycling](http://www.virginiatrekkers.com/recycling) to view and use this free recycling educational resource.

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## Did You Know?

- ✓ DEQ's web pages offer a wide range of information on waste management and recycling topics, as well as environmental educational and pollution prevention topics. Learn also about Virginia's Environmental History and Stories of Stewardship in the Commonwealth. [www.deq.virginia.gov](http://www.deq.virginia.gov)
- ✓ Many visitors to our web site are looking for information on recycling and litter prevention programs where they live, and whom to contact for this information. Please visit our Program Managers listing and confirm the information there is current. [www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/contactlist.html](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle/contactlist.html)
- ✓ Recycling of CFLs (compact fluorescent light bulbs) is now possible at two retail sites: IKEA and Home Depot both offer CFL drop-off locations in their stores. Visit DEQ's website for information on use of and management of CFLs. [www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle](http://www.deq.virginia.gov/recycle) (What's New).
- ✓ The analog-to-digital changeover for television broadcasting becomes effective on February 17, 2009. Visit <http://www.dtv.gov/consumercorner.html> for information on converter boxes for your analog television sets.

## Calendar of Events

### November

- 4 Election Day. Don't forget to VOTE!
- 15 America Recycles Day 2008

### December

- 4 Recycling Markets Development Council meeting at DEQ's Piedmont Regional Office, Glen Allen

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